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Rain changing to snow as temperatures drop

Motorists advised to use caution during evening rush hours

With rain predicted to change over to snow as evening temperatures drop, the Winter Storm Warning for New Castle and Kent counties is scheduled to remain in effect until 4 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 27. Snow is forecast to coincide with evening rush hours, starting in New Castle County above the canal between 5 and 6 p.m., and in all areas below the canal between 6 and 7 p.m.

The precipitation, which could be rain and sleet mixed with snow in some areas of the state, will make driving conditions difficult to predict and judge from location to location. Especially in New Castle County and northern Kent County, motorists should take extra caution during evening rush hours.

According to the National Weather Service, the storm will turn to an all snow event statewide with heaviest snowfall and accumulation in New Castle County. In northern areas of the state, snowfall could reach one to two inches an hour and began to taper off after midnight. New Castle is expected to receive six inches; Kent, three to four inches; Sussex two to three inches inland.

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